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NEW STATE LAW MAKES FIELD TRIPS IMPOSSIBLE

Do you recall those grade school field trips to turkey farms and art museums?

Wouldn't more advanced trips be equally if not more beneficial to high school students?

Act 372, a new state law, makes school trips practically impossible.

According to Dr. Sauers, if any class in Marple Newtown takes a tour during school hours, the same tour must be provided for all other MN residents attending parochial or special education schools.

"If you permit a certain group to go on a field trip,"comments Mr. Capriotti,"then you must provide the same opportunity to other schools within the district."

Mr. R.C. Guantlett,Secretary of the School Board, does not favor the bill. Besides causing economic setbacks, Act 372 creates many other difficulties.

The state Department of Education expects the bill will cost the state $15 million annually.Though the bill has caused some defecits since it was effected July 1, 1973, Marple Newtown can not be fully reimbursed until 1975.

"It is difficult to envision the complexity of the transportation problems not to mention the expenses involved," explained Albert F. Unger, Director of Legislature Services for the Pennsylvania School Boards Association, (P.S.B.A.).

Creating controversies, Unger has convinced much of the administration that Act 372 is "ill-conceived." He added, "The law requires school districts to transport pupils on field trips, without consideration of the cost of services or what the field trips are all about."

Considering this, one might wonder why only five state legislators opposed the bill.

P.S.B.A. Bulletins reveal the Senate ammended Act 372 three times before it was passed in October 1972. In December, Act 372 was signed into law with July - 1972 set as the "effective date."

Popular opinion postponed the effective date until July 1, 1973. Since then, there have been five new revisions, resulting with the P.S.B.A. opposing its original bill.

Since the State Department of Education and the Pennsylvania State Education Association both have a partial obligation to support the P.S.B.A., the also support Act 372. They have raised more questions than answers about the bill and fail to impend further delay. MN therefore remains inert.

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Band-a-Rama Winner, 1973

Spring-Ford Senior High School "Golden Ram Marching Band" Takes "Class A" Trophy

Senior Prom Planned for Downingtown Inn

After many phone calls and meetings, the senior prom committee decided the Class of 1974's prom will be held on Friday, June 7, at the Downington Inn.

Although prom keys have been selected, committee members urge the class's partication in other aspects of the prom such as entertainment, invitations, and decorations.

Mrs. Mandelblatt and Mr. Weimer, the senior class sponsors, stress that cooperation is needed to hold a successful prom. By helping to carry out fund-raising ideas, students may get reductions on the price of their prom tickets.

Although in the past few years senior class trips have been phased out, a trip could be planned this year if enough students would like one. However, this must be decided soon if plans are to be made.

When asked about future plans of the Executive Council, Dave MacEwan, senior class president, commented, "This year the Executive council hopes to help out the school. We plan to work with the student council and take a more active role in student affairs."

Dave also stressed the need for student involvement. "It's important that for every meeting in order that plans can be made which will be agreeable to the entire senior class."

Class Plays Disbanded

Class plays will be replaced by all school plays in Marple Newtown this year. Sophmores, Juniors, and Seniors compete together for roles in dramatic productions.

Mr. Fetterman, Thespian sponsor, sees this as an advantage to the students. All school plays, uniting talent from the entire school, will result in better productions and a greater knowledge of the theater.

With the many productions planned for this year there should be enough chances for students to put their talents into practice.

Both students and administrators have long desired this change. However, this is the first year the central administration has done something about it.

The first play of the year will be a William Inge's Pulitzer Prize winner entitled, Picnic. There will be eleven main characters. Performances are scheduled for November 9 and 10.

NEWSMAKERS

Mar News extends congratulations to

Girl of the Month:
Kristin Morrow

Boy of the Month:
Joseph Basile

Student of the Month:
Marta Sosangelis

National Merit Semifinalists:
Noah Babins
Daniel Caine
Lee Delacy
Bob Dezmelyk
John Ellis
David Fry
Robert Kaplan
Alice Levin
Harold Morrison
Becky Murr
Mary Norton
Lee Sarka
Richard Ryskamp

Tutors Available

If you are having trouble with one or all of your subjects, there is an organization at Marple Newtown that can help you.

The Tutorial Club consists of students willing to help those having trouble with grades.

Avsilable to everyone, tutoring is done before and after school and during study halls at no charge.

Tutor request slips are available in the math planning center.

Chi Sigma Chi

Initiates New Members

Have you ever wondered why a select group of girls dresses up in strange costumes and wanders through the halls of M.N. once every fall?

The answer is quite simple. These girls are being initiated into Chi Sigma Chi. This girls club, which is affiliated with the YWCA, endeavors to serve the community and help those who are less fortunate.

Many activities involving the student body planned for this year. A spaghetti dinner, the main fund raiser, is slated to take place sometime in October. This meal is organized and cooked by the members of the club.

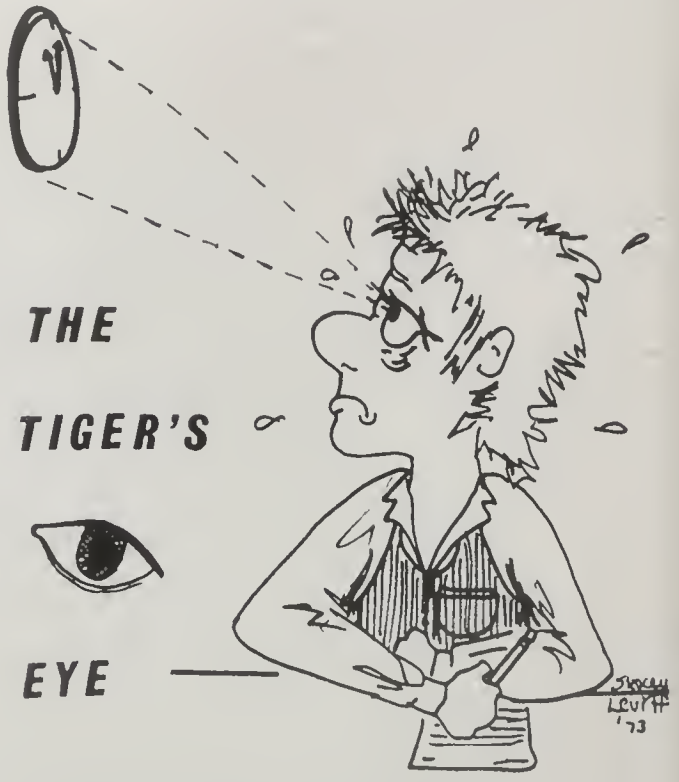
Carnations will be sold by Chi Sigma Chi near Valentine's Day. These flowers can be purchased at a minimal cost and are a great way to show somebody you care.

Other functions will include bake sales, mint sales, caroling at rest homes, dances and possibly a trip to New York.

Officers this year include President- Sue Sailor, Vice President- Carol Manns, Secretary- Judi Johnston, Treasurer- Shirley Starr and Social Secretary- Lynne Rindfleish.

Any girl interested in joining the club should contact one of these officers.

THE TIGER'S EYE



VOICE: The day has gone pretty well so far. You managed first period okay.

It may have been a little embarassing when you were startled awake to find everyone looking at you.

You felt the blood in your face that time, old buddy.Who cares if you were the only one who didn't know that an immigrant isn't a type of clothing. So what if you thought that the Poles and the Czechs were fabric designs.

Talk about trouble, how about second period? Of all things, a math test! When you saw that paper, you thought you would be ill. In fact, you rather hoped you would be so you wouldn't have to take the darn thing.

You tried. Lord knows you tried. Look blue, you told me. Look green! C'mon. Okay, Okay, try to feel nauseous. You raised your hand. "I'm sick."

"If you're sick you can go to the nurse now. And you can take the make-up test tomorrow. I assure you that it will be twice as hard as today's."

"I feel better now."

You can chalk up one more failure, old buddy. But now, third period.

Third period! You have seven periods to go. This will never end. Never. This is so boring. Who's up front of the class now? Well, look you dummy. Open your eyes. That's it. Pry them open. Yup, he's still there.

Glance at the clock before your eyes drop again. My God! A whole twenty minutes to go. I'm getting tired of relaying messages and taking care of your problems. I'm so bored. Well, have a good day friend.

"Hey! Don't go. You come back here! I have an English quiz you no good bum."

MARPLE AUDIENCE ENJOYS NAVY BAND

At 17, Ray Ashion was a high school graduate who was not sure what to do with himself. Now, at 30, Chief Warrant Officer Ray Ashion is the leader of the 4th Naval District Band which performed, September 26, for the Marple Newtown student body.

"Since I was five, music has been my whole life," he explained. "Joining the Navy Band made it possible for me to continue with music in an interesting setting."

Like all of the 1400 members of the Navy's 52 Unit band, Ray Ashion attended the Navy School of Music, now located in Little Creek, Virginia. (Due to money problems, the Navy will soon cut back to 800 members and 25 bands.)

Any competent musician may try out for the Navy Band, and if accepted, may enlist in the Navy for a four year period with the Band. After six months of intensive training at the School, each musician is assigned to a band.

The bands have several purposes: they entertain other Navy personnel, both on land bases and on ships, and they perform for recruitment purposes as they did at Marple Newtown.

The band does not, as Sax player Jim Stephens explained, have the same duties as other Navy personnel. Although officially in the Navy, they live off the base; they practice on the base every morning except on concert days.Even while Jim was on a ship in dangerous waters in Vietnam, he had no responsibilities other than playing with the ship'a band.

Electric guitariat Greg Russell enlisted in

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GOT THE SPIRIT?
LET'S NOT HERE IT

Class spirit is a thing of the past.

A reviewing of the previous goals and accomplishments of the classes of '74 and '75 proves there was no need for class officers. A prom committee would have completed the job as well for the only activity the majority of students take part in is the prom.

This is no fault of the officers. The class executive councils work hard throughout a good part of the year, but for any purpose other than personal gratification, their work is in vain.

Before the present student body entered this school, classes were concerned with class trips and class plays. Obviously, such concern has deteriorated. Class trips have not heen held since 1971, and, this year, class plays were dishanded into all school plays.

The only concern of the classes is the prom. Fund raising for the prom is the occupation in which all class members are asked to become involved. But what of the student who does not care to attend his prom? Obviously he will have no spirit.

It may be refuted that this student should promote a class activity in which he is interested. But what if this student prefers to be integrated with people of different ages, and just plain sees no importance in class unity? Apathetic will be his label even though he sees greater importance in entire school unity or community unity.

Yes class spirit is dead, but is that such a crime?

Linda Famiglio

23 YEAR OLD SENIOR RETURNS FOR DIPLOMA

"Didn't I have your brother a few years back?" was the main question asked by teachers to Bill Neblett, 23, when he returned to MN this year to complete high school and receive his diploma.

Bill, a Senior in 1969, has been busy the past four years but now has time to get his diploma.

After leaving MN, Bill attended the Lincoln Technical Institute in Philadelphia. He learned the skills of an auto mechanic in a 36-week course there.

In 1970, Bill joined the Army and was stationed in Monterrey, California for 20 months.

Bill left the Army in 1971 and worked for seven months as a disc jockey at Station KLOK in San Jose, California. He left KLOK when he disagreed with the policies of the new management.

Bill returned to his parent's home in Broomall the fall of 1972.

He managed a Sunoco Station in Valley Forge for a few months and then left to perform in night clubs in Philadelphia and Atlantic City.

The only reason Bill gave for returning to MN was he wanted to get his diploma.

About MN in 1969, Bill said the following:

"The dress code was still around and students had to look neat. Girls' dresses were no more than three inches above the knees, boys had to wear shirts with collars, and no one was allowed to wear jeans. And if you had long hair, they made you cut it."

"Student council,"said Bill, wasn't important in 1969. The administration really controlled it."

Now, four years later, Bill finds it easier to learn in a more relaxed atmosphere. Teacher - student communications adds to this atmosphere, according to Bill.

Bill is taking Economics, American Literature, Communications, English III, and Health. He is also taking graphics and Consumer Education.

After receiving his diploma, Bill hopea to land a job at WCAU FM in Philadelphia.

Letters to the Editor

Are Computers Flawless ?

Dear Editor:

Laws and ideas are originated by people. However, when it comes to putting them into practice, we turn to a computer. Why- because many of them seem too complex for the human brain to implement.

There exists an example of this practice in our bus system.

In early September pupils received computerized bus cards with pickup points miles from their home. Overcrowded buses on routes often involving travel of over an hour both to and from school became a fact of many students' lives. Routes were taken that traversed the four corners of the township. Some students arrived only three minutes before school started.

All these were and still are problems plaguing the school authoritiea. This school yeam the additional problem of transporting many private school students waa added to the burden.

Problems have been corrected before. Take for example, the scheduling of extra buses for after school activities. But the basic bus service has not succeeded well.

One has to admit that the people in charge of busing have a large task before them. It now seems time to forsake the computer and let people have another try at implementing their ideas.

Bus Rider

Financial Aid Night: Why on Rosh Hashonah ?

Dear Editor:

As early as July of this year, a meeting abnut financial aid planning for post-praduate education was planned for the evening nf September 27.

Because state and federal financial aid representatives are so busy, I suppose it was necessary to inform them nf our program well in advance to assure their presence at the meeting.

However, I find it impnssible to believe that September 27, the secnnd night of the Jewish High Holiday of Posh Hashonah, was the only night these representatives were free to attend. It is likewise impossible for me to believe that the cnunseling department was unaware of the date of this Jewish Holiday.

At the meeting, Miss Speer stressed its importance and mentioned that the program was beinp videntaped for those unahle to attend.

If this meetinp was of such importance (and may I add that I found it a complete waste of time), why was it scheduled for September 27 in the first place?

Just Wondering

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Financial Planning Discussed

Post Graduate Financial Help was discussed by Mr. William Parker, and Mr. Donald J. Carstensen on Thursday September 27 in the high school auditorium.

Mr. Parker, representative of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency spoke about state programs available to students. Scholarship from $200 to $1200 are granted according to need. Guaranteed student loans were also explained.

Basic Educational Opportunity Grants were the main concern of Mr. Carstensen, representative of the American College Testing Program-Financial Aid.

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WHAT'S THE REAL MESS IN THE SMOKING AREAS?

We look into the office of the principal. Mr. Capriotti, Mr. Schafer, Mr. Best, and Mr. Williams are seated in a circle.

"These smoking areas just aren't working," says Mr. Best.

"Yeh, he's right. Too many students are using them. They're a mess. Butts and trash all over the place. But we can't get rid of the smoking areas now because everyone is used to them and the bathrooms are cleaner."

"I know, I know," says Mr. Capriotti. "Just let me think for a minute. I'll come up with something."

"We've got to think of a way to make the areas cleaner," says Mr. Williams.

Mr. Capriotti ponders a while and then shouts, "I've got it! I've got it!"

"I hope it's not contagious," says Mr. Best.

"Knock it off, will ya," says Mr. Schafer, pointing at Mr. Best. "What's your idea, Bill?"

Mr. Capriotti rises slowly from his chair and says:

"Look, we know we've got to get rid of these areas, right? And we can't just abolish them because everyone will get angry, right? Well, think. One of the areas is in that driveway between the cafeteria and the gym. And big trucks are always there bringing in supplies. Well, that's the answer. We can't get rid of the areas or the mess, so we get rid of the STUDENTS and there won't be any mess!"

"Bill, you're a genius," says Mr. Best excitedly.

"Yeh, I know," replies Mr. Capriotti.

"What about the real mess? I mean, trucks hit students and they'll be splattered all over the place."

"Oh, that's not important."

"OK, this is how we'll do it. We plant a lot of trash and butts in the other three areas. We'll just dump our trash there. Then we'll say that those three areas will be closed because they're too messy. The only area that'll be left will be the one where all the trucks go."

"And then all the students will be forced to use that one," says Mr. Best.

"That's right! The driveway will be overcrowded with students. We can send trucks into there whenever we want. As many as it takes to get rid of the mess."

"You mean STUDENTS,don't you Bill?"

Mike Spear

DR. COLLI DESCRIBES CHILEAN SITUATION

Dr. Olga Colli, a Spanish teacher at Marple Newtown, has resumed teaching after a one year sabbatical.

Dr. Colli travelled extensively throughout South America and stayed at homes of former MN exchange students.

While on her sabbatical, Dr. Colli visited Spain, Venezuela, Brazil, Argentina, Uraguay, Paraguay, Peru, Bolivia, Columbia,and Chile.

Dr. Colli visited Chile in December 1972 and was immediately aware of the tense atmosphere. Her belongings were searched thouroughly at customs, and she was casually observed by the Chilean Secret Police.

"Food and clothing were rationed at that time and the people were dissatisfied with President Allende,"stated Dr. Colli.

Dr. Colli also noticed the tension among the Chilean people and the dissatisfaction among the truck drivers. (The drivers later striked and indirectly caused the downfall and death of President Salvadore Allende.)

In Columbia, Dr. Colli attended the University of the Andes in Andes, Columbia.

All throughout South America, Dr. Colli noticed the youth were very well informed.

"The youth," said Dr. Colli, "were perturbed with living conditions and disenchanted with politics." She added,"They really know what's up."

In San Paulo, Brazil, Dr. Colli stayed at the home of a former MN student' Sylvia Carporeso.

Dr. Colli stayed at Alicia Bertola's house in Buenes Aires, Argentina. Alicia was also a former MN exchange student.

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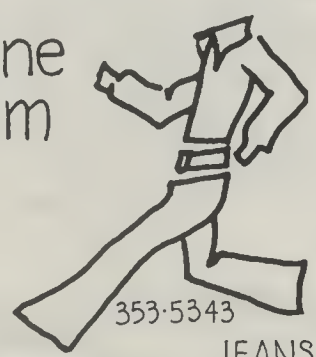

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Mexican Student Has Trouble With Customs

Ricardo Loyolla, 16, can't speak English too well. But that's all right-Ricardo's teachers can't speak Spanish at all.

Ricardo is a 10th grade exchange student from central Mexico. He is trying hard to learn English and keep up with his studies as well.

Ricardo is also having trouble getting used to our customs. During the recent fire-drill, he didn't know what was going on.

Ricardo has had to adjust to American eating habits. In Mexico, the main meal is at 2:00 P.M. and there is an early breakfast and late evening dinner.

In Mexico, Ricardo played center for his basketball team, but he does not think he will tryout for the MN squad. However, he does participate in intramurals.

Act 372 Affects Marple Busing

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Bob Dezmelyk, Student uncil President,says that e student body undoubtedfavors trips. In relaon with this topic, Bob ws, "The Student Council ll make an investigation any area that the stut body deems necessary."

Bob thinks that the ntinued existance of ade school trips is based on the ability of gradehoolers to travel on eir own time as compared that of high school pus.

Why is the band anted school time and ses with no administrawe debate? "The band is w a curricular activity; ey receive one full cret," says Dr. Sauers. "But eld trips are co-curricur."

Bob Dezmelyk notes at the band and football am represent the school. th an English class, for stance, and the band can arn in a classroom. But e band is performing on ips, promoting the result the classroom learnings, ereas an English class is eking supplementary or corricular knowledge.

"But instead of deeasing the amount of our and trips," suggests Bob, hey should increase the mber of class trips."

Mr. Stephen Oselinsky, ssistant Superintendent, ays that our districts alo buses pupils to and from other schools daily beause of Act 372.

Marple Newtown buses ow follow daily routes exending ten miles from MN oundaries. MN buses have avelled as far as Norristown.

Recently, more allowces have been amended to e bill. Marple Newtown an now pay nonpublic stuents' parents a lump sum o provide their own transortation, can employ comercial bus drivera for all upils, or can paymparochiil schools to handle these xpenses. Instead MN develps new bus routes and utlizes its own buses.

Mr. Capriotti concludes, "I think thia is a wait and see' type of thing."

BETTER MUSIC, GOOD ACOUSTICS IMPROVE NAVY BAND PERFORMANCE

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the Navy Band (rather than be drafted) because he "was a musician in civilian life life, and the Navy Band was the closest enlisted position to that." He added that he never had any trouble finding something to do while in the Navy Band.

At the end of his four years, Mr. Ashion decided to stick with the Navy Band, and he eventually reached his present position with the Philadelphia area band.

Mr. Ashion judged the Marple Newtown audience to be one of the best around. In hia words, "When the band performs for such a receptive group, playing becomea a pleasure."

The band closed on a less dynamic note with the theme from the movie "2001: A Space Odyaaey."

The music that was played this year was more modern and better suited to the band than that played in previous years. Mr. Ashion had more stage presence and helped make the performance more enjoyable.

The music was well amplified, which is a very difficult feat for an outside gig. This year, the 4th Naval District Band has been more successful than ever before in concert at Marple Newtown.

Daniel Caine
Eli Wylen

Soccer Team Downs Sun Valley, Shutout 2-0 by Conestoga

On September 21st, the MN Varsity Booters put on an impressive offensive display as they downed Sun Valley 1-0.

Paul Sperry, assisted by Dave Pierce, scored the single goal in the 2nd quarter.

The J.V. battled to a 1-1 deadlock in the hardfought game with the Vanguards. John Robbins scored the goal for the Tigers.

On the night September 28, the Tigers roared off to meet the Pioneers at Conestoga, in their first league game; they were shutout 2-0. Goalie Pete Johnson was injured late in the 1st quarter to be replaced by Joe Maher. Johnson returned, though, after the first half. The J.V. made it two tries in a row as they equaled the Pioneers by a score of one,when Chipper Law scored in the last few minutes of the game.

The Varsity Captains this year are Mark Conroy, Dave Pierce, Joe Maher, and the JV Captains are John Werbos, Sam Zuckerman, and Len Zon.

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BEOG is the most important of the five Federal programs. The others include National Direct Student Loans, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, College Work-Study, and Guaranteed Student Loans.

This program was videotaped for those unable to attend.

More information is available from the counselors.

Marple Just Misses in Soccer Battle

MARPLE TIED FOR CENTRAL LEAGUE LEAD

Marple Newtown clawed their way to a 20-13 victory over the Bulldogs of Lower Merion on Saturday, September 28.

The game was close until the end, but the Tigers kept pulling key defensive plays and launching time consuming drives to win the game. The MN offence looked especially powerful as Ed Cini ground out 89 yards on 22 carries.

Lower Merion kicked off to start the game and MN scored just 4 minutes later as Dave Trevison ramhled 25 yards.

Lower Merion bounced right back by also scoring on their first possesion.

The Tigers then proceeded to make the Bulldogs eat dirt as they ground out another score with team Co-Capt. Joe Basile getting the TD on a short plunge. Tough MN defense then prevented LM from scoring as the half ended, 14-7.

The second half started with Lower Merion receiving the ball and immediately losing it as MN's Greg Kennedy picked off an interception. MN turned the ball over again and Holland scored for Lower Merion. The conversion failed. The Bulldogs got the ball back again, but a blitzing linebacker forced the Lower Merion quaterback to fumble and Jeff Sultzer picked it up. MN soon drove in to score as Ed Cini got credit for the touchdown. The extra point kick failed.

In the last quarter the Tiger defensive blanked Lower Merion and the game ended 20-13. Good defensive plays were registered by Basile with 15 tackles, and Sultzer, who sacked the quaterback several times. quarterback ser
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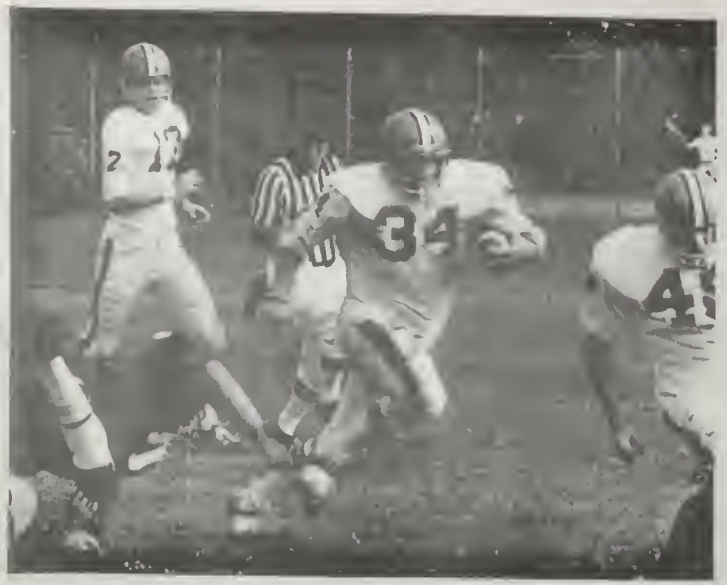
quarterback several times. Dave Martin made a last minnte
ute play as he knocked down a LM pass with 5 seconds a LM pass with 5 seconds left.

The week before, the Tigers embarrassed Haverford 27-0. The story that day was Tiger Quarterback Pete Bartlett who threw 3 TD passes: one to Dave Seagraves at the end of the half, another to Chris Chase at the beginning of the second half, and a third to Dave Trevison, who made a fine leaping catch to snare the ball.

However, the most exciting play of the game occurred late in the third quarter when defensive lineman Mark Saracino, a co-captain, picked up a Haverford fumbled and rambled 6 ford fumbled and rambled 65 yards for a score.

Key defensive plays were registered by Basile, who had another interception, Chase, and Sultzer.

Marple Newtown is now tied for first in the Central Leage with a 2-0 record.



Dodging tacklers, Joe Basile(34)

heads for first down in 20-13 MN victory

Bobby Riggs - A Sugar Daddy

Bobby Riggs as a bona fide representative of men's tennis is a false assumption at best.

As he was humbled by Billie Jean King, one realized that the basic accomplishments of the "Tennis Match of the Century", were 1)prime time TV exposure of a fast growing sport, 2) an extensive Public Relations campaign with tremendous financial benefits for both players, and 3) the Rise and Fall of a once unknown tennis player, Bobby Riggs.

What entitles a 55-year old man to proclaim himself the true representative of men's tennis? True he did win a Wimbledon title- in 1939, that is. But what if a younger, healthier male tennis star had played Billie Jean? Certainly he would have been less susceptible to missing Billie Jean's backhand.

However, it's improper to make conjectures about what might have happened. Instead, Bobby Riggs comes out on the short end of the match looking like one of his chief sponsors - a melted Sugar Daddy.

Shelly Farber

MN Field Hockey Wins 3, Loses 1

Ridley's field hockey team scored four goals in the first half as they went on to defeat Marple, 6-2.

Ridley dominated the first half and scored just two minutes into the game. Before the end of the half, they scored three more goals.

One goal was a rebounder of the MN goalkeepers foot and the other was a shot into an unprotected net. Signs of life did appear in the last minutes before halftime as Jane Fortescue put MN on the board, now trailing 4-1.

Hopes for a MN comeback were dashed for a final time as Ridley again dominated play. MN looked rather weak, as they passed and drove badly. The final score was 6-2, with MN's Nancy Nedurian scoring a second half goal.

MN's Junior Varsity shutout Ridley 2-0. The offense was very aggressive, always pushing Ridley and keeping the ball near the opponent's goal area. Gail Gretzmacher and Donna Artzeronian scored MN's goals.

MN's 3rd and 4th teams played Conestoga on September 26 at home. In the 3rd team's game MN's offense was halted until the second half, with Betsy Balleron scoring twice and Laura Mather once.

The 4th team did well against a larger Conestoga team with fine plays by Cathy Lodge(2pts.) and Ellen Davis(1pt.) Both games ended in 3-0 shutouts.

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